

Remarks

In the Office Action dated September 4, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-6, 17-18, 21-25, 28-30, 41-42, 45-49, and 51 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sliwa, Jr. et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,749,364 in view of U.S. Patent to MacKinnon et al. 6,546,272 further in view of Sarvazyan et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,810,731. The Examiner rejected claims 19 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sliwa et al. in view of MacKinnon et al. and further in view of Esenaliev U.S. Patent No. 6,165,440. The Examiner indicated that claims 7, 8, 11-16, 31, 32, 35-40, 50, and 52 were allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicants' attorney has cancelled each of the independent claims in the application except for claims 7 and 31 which the Examiner indicated were allowed. The remaining non-cancelled dependent claims are, either directly or indirectly, dependent upon allowed independent claims 7 or 31.

Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art, Applicants' attorney respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

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